

TEUTONS TAKE DOUAMONT IN VERDUN DRIVE

Furious Struggle Wins Village Four Miles North-east of Stronghold

REPULSED AT VAUX Wave After Wave of Attack Beaten Back at Strategic Position

PARIS, March 3.—German troops have reached the village of Douaumont in a fierce struggle, the War Office admitted this afternoon.

BERLIN, March 3.—German troops have captured the village of Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun, and just outside Fort Douaumont.

Renewing their offensive with heavy blows, the Germans are driving toward Verdun west and northwest of Douaumont, it is announced.

At the same time it is admitted that the English broke through a German position south of Ypres, in West Flanders.

The report says: "Southwest of Ypres, on the canal, the English broke into the bastion we had taken on February 14, and penetrated a small front into what had previously been our advanced trenches."

"On the heights on the east bank of the Meuse River, after artillery preparation, we cleared the village of Douaumont of the enemy, extending our lines west and south of the village, and also extending our lines at Fort Douaumont to a more favorable position."

"Our airmen dropped bombs in the vicinity of the fortress of Verdun. "East of Douai, Lieutenant Immelman, the famous German aviator, shot down an English biplane. One of the occupants was killed and the other wounded."

PARIS, March 3.—Fighting with redoubled vigor, the Germans have launched another drive against the French positions north of Verdun. They have penetrated the advanced line at Douaumont, it is admitted, but failed to gain Vaux.

The French War Office, in an official communique today, reported that the German bombardment lasted all night and that the Germans assaulted the French positions continuously.

Cruel losses were inflicted upon the Germans, the communique asserts. Huge masses of German troops, in close formation, were hurled forward time after time into the hurricane of fire which swept their ranks from the French forts and trenches.

The advanced French line at Douaumont has been pierced, but fighting of the utmost violence continues in that sector. At Vaux, the location of one of the forts in the Verdun girdle, the Germans drove forward persistently, in a series of smashing attacks. Despite the machine gun fire which withered their ranks and left mounds of dead, the attacking forces swept onward in assault after assault.



PRESIDENT POINCARE Head of French Republic has returned from his visit to Verdun, where he congratulated the troops on their valiant defense against the German onslaughts.

POINCARE PRAISES VERDUN DEFENDERS; BACK FROM FRONT

President Is Warm in Commendation of Courage and Skill of French Warriors

PARIS, March 3.—President Poincaré returned to Paris today from the fortress of Verdun, against which the Germans have been battering since February 21.

"The following official communique was given out today relative to President Poincaré's visit to the Verdun front: "President Poincaré left Paris on Tuesday evening for Reims, where a Zeppelin had been shot down. He congratulated the French gunners upon their work and conferred a military medal upon Sergeant Major Grammeling and war crosses upon several gunners."

"The President returned to Paris this morning. "The return of M. Poincaré was followed by an official notice to the effect that the War Minister has ordered General Joffre to congratulate the French soldiers for their heroism in behalf of the country."

(The foregoing is the first official announcement that General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, is personally directing the defense of Verdun.)

STORM HEADED THIS WAY Probable Snow Tonight Will Precede Blow Tomorrow

Warnings, telling of a violent storm expected here tomorrow, were displayed along the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville to New York.

The storm is now east-northeast, but will shift to northwest late this afternoon and tonight. Unsettled weather tonight, with probable snow, will precede the strong northwest winds which are to reach the city tomorrow.

Bishop Hits at Richmond's Friend Bishop Rhinelander has notified David Witmer, of 2133 Arch street, who had been serving as lay reader in Old St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, 30 and Brown streets, since the suspension of the rector, the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, that he must not act in that capacity in St. John's or any other church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Wounded Policeman Out of Hospital Acting Detective Charles B. Baker, of the 65th street and Woodland avenue station, who was shot by George Green, a negro, last Saturday night, when he was about to place Green under arrest, was able to leave the University Hospital today, and was removed to his home at 414 Ludlow street. Green, who was arrested in Darby after the shooting, will have a further hearing before Magistrate Boston next week, when Baker will appear against him.

AUTO CONCERNS HERE HARD HIT BY EMBARGO

Face Losses Aggregating Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars UNABLE TO DELIVER CARS

Freight Congestion Cripples Filling of Orders—Relief Promised

Automobile plants in this city, and Philadelphia branches of large automobile concerns in Detroit are faced with losses totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars, due to the crippling influence of the freight embargo which has been established by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The embargo has tied up hundreds of cars of steel and their raw material en route to plants here, and has held up hundreds of automobiles which have been ordered by customers in the Philadelphia district. The situation has become so serious that the Philadelphia Motor Truck Association and the Philadelphia Automobile Trade Association will hold meetings and search for a remedy.

A ray of hope entered the Philadelphia situation today when N. B. Kelly, secretary of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, received a dispatch from the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission announcing that the commission will hold hearings in Washington next Monday and Tuesday on the question of congestion in Eastern railroad terminals.

Cooperation by more than 100 leading manufacturing concerns in unloading freight cars has reduced the number of stalled cars to 972, there having been installed yesterday 1705 cars, containing 75,000 tons of freight. W. G. Grievens, president of the Commercial Traffic Managers' Association, which has been leading the campaign to empty the cars, said today: "We are in the fight now in earnest and in another 48 hours expect to make a big hole in the freight blockade."

UNABLE TO DELIVER CARS Philadelphia branches of large Detroit automobile concerns are unable to deliver cars which were ordered weeks ago by Philadelphia customers. It was stated today by managers of Philadelphia branches that the shortage of cars will run into the thousands.

The Studebaker Company, the Packard Motor Car Company, the Overland Motor Company and other concerns have been able to get a few shipments of automobiles through to Philadelphia by commandeering flatcars, and using covers made of canvas or old snow. In order to hold the flatcars, the Philadelphia branch of the Packard Company has been shipping the lumber used for covers back to Detroit as freight.

"It appears," said Lee J. Eastman, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the Packard Company, "that most of the boxes in the country are tied up in the eastern freight jam. We are glad enough to get hold of flat cars, and, in order to keep them in our service, we are billing the board covers back to Detroit as lumber. It is an expensive procedure, but we are glad to pay the bill in order to keep them moving. At this time we are short five or six trainloads of automobiles; all these cars have been ordered by customers in the Philadelphia district, but because of the congestion we cannot get them out of Detroit."

"The situation is serious from the standpoint of the automobile business in Philadelphia. As president of the Philadelphia Motor Truck Association, I am going to call a meeting of the board of governors this week to investigate the situation and devise a remedy."

M. E. Hewitt, traffic manager of the Vim Company, said today that his company was experiencing difficulty in shipping.

Child Falls Into Tub of Hot Water John Martin, 2 years old, of 1418 South Broad street, was badly burned when he fell into a tub of hot water today while climbing up a chair in the kitchen of his home. He was removed to the University Hospital, where physicians say his recovery is hopeful.

WILSON AND BRANDEIS Are defended by Zapp and Birskey. MONTAGUE GLASS' laugh-provoking characters in TOMORROW'S EVENING LEDGER

SENATE, BY 68 TO 14, UPHOLDS WILSON; ARMED SHIP WARNING BILL DIES WITHOUT DEBATE

Gore, Author of the Original Resolution, Casts Vote With the Majority

Oklahoman's Substitute Declaring Sinking of Armed Vessel With Americans on Board Would be "Cause of War," Also Lost

WASHINGTON, March 3.—When the House Foreign Affairs Committee went into session at 2:45 this afternoon, Administration adherents claimed to have a majority favoring reporting the McLemore resolution, warning Americans off armed belligerent ships, under a plan to have it tabled, as was the Gore resolution.

This plan, according to House leaders who conferred with Secretary McAdoo and Postmaster General Burleson earlier in the day, will be acceptable to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Senate this afternoon voted non-interference in President Wilson's foreign negotiations. It tabled a resolution by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, to warn Americans off armed merchantmen, by a vote of 68 to 14.

The vote itself came with virtually no debate, but pent-up floods of oratory burst forth a little later, when the Senate theoretically was discussing a water power bill. Most of it was a reiteration of doubt as to exactly what the Senate had done in voting the Gore resolution.

Senator James C. Kentucky, known as the President's personal representative on the Senate floor, led the attack on Gore's resolution. Last night the Administration leaders fixed upon the tabling of the resolution as the best way to force a vote without a debate. The Senate rules require immediate vote and no discussion on such a motion. The vote went through as possible, but the storm burst later, nevertheless. Borah termed the Senate's action "degradation," Sherman termed it "cowardice, evasion, cringing," in asserting the United States was "approaching peace or war."

VOTE COMES ON SUBSTITUTE The actual vote came up on a substitute resolution by Gore declaring that if an American is killed by a German submarine in an attack upon an armed merchantman, such action will be cause for war with Germany.

President Wilson received word of the Senate vote tabling the Gore resolution while the Cabinet was in session. All of the officials expressed satisfaction over the result and believed that it is a forecast of what the House will do when a vote is taken in that branch. No formal statement was made.

That today's vote was not final action by the Senate was strongly intimated by many Senators. It seemed certain that in case of a threatened break with Germany Senators will again fight for Congressional action.

Gore threw the Administration's plans into chaos by offering his substitute just before the vote. He said this was done so that Congress might declare whether the United States should go to war if Americans are killed by Germany's new campaign against armed ships. He declared this was the vital question before the Senate.

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QUICK NEWS

FRENCH MINISTRY DENIES SINKING OF CRUISERS PARIS, March 3.—The Ministry of Marine today issued an official denial of the report that German submarines have sunk French cruisers off Havre.

PATROL ENGAGEMENTS ON THE RIVER DVINA BERLIN, March 3.—"On the Duernburg River (Dvina), east of Friedrichstadt, patrol engagements occurred," the War Office reported. "There were similar engagements on the Sereth-Schilchara front."

RED CROSS HERE SENDS SUPPLIES TO WAR VICTIMS Announcement was made today by the Philadelphia Branch of the American Red Cross, of which Mrs. Charlemagne Tower is president, that 11 cases of hospital supplies for wounded soldiers have been sent to the warring countries during the last three months. Three have been sent to France, three to Germany and one each to England, Russia, Belgium, Serbia and Poland.

BILL TO IMPROVE PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD FAVORED WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today unanimously reported a \$2,065,000 appropriation to equip the Puget Sound Navy Yard for battleship construction.

MAYOR SMITH PLANS TURN AT GOLF AT AIKEN, S. C. Mayor Smith today completed arrangements for a short vacation from the cares of office. He will leave the city next Wednesday for Aiken, S. C., where he will spend a few days in open-air exercise. The golf course at Aiken is noted for its excellence, and the Mayor plans spending much of his time golfing.

FRENCH AIR SQUADRON SHELLS SMYRNA FORTS PARIS, March 3.—A squadron of French aeroplanes from Salonica has bombarded the Turkish forts and army camps around Smyrna, it was announced today by the War Office. The following official communique was given out: "It is stated by the General Staff that a squadron of French aeroplanes at Salonica was taken on board the transports Detsmarne, Hot and Macronisse and afterward bombarded the cantonments and defensive works of the Turks at Bournoha (Burna Bad) and Borderio, in the vicinity of Smyrna. The aviators traversed a distance of 350 miles while in the air."

MYSTERIOUS SHIP OFF COAST; MAY BE RAIDER NEW YORK, March 3.—News of a mysterious ship, believed to be a German raider, encountered off the Virginia Capes, was brought to this port today by Captain Munkovitz, of the Bull Insular liner Grayson, from Porto Rico. Early yesterday Munkovitz, as he was off Hampton Roads, saw two mysterious white lights. They apparently were signaling, and every time he changed his course the lights flashed. The captain saw no vessel, but on the previous voyage of the Grayson, he said, a mysterious vessel crossed his bows and immediately signaled with a flashing light in Morse to another light.

PRESIDENT NAMES AMBASSADOR TO CHILI WASHINGTON, March 3.—Joseph H. Shea, of Seymour, Ind., was nominated today for Ambassador to Chili, to succeed Henry P. Fletcher, who goes to Mexico. He is a member of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

TWO ZEPPELINS REPORTED WRECKED AMSTERDAM, March 3.—Two German Zeppelins are reported to have been wrecked while engaged on a military enterprise. "One of the Zeppelins, returning from the front, evidently was hit by enemy artillery," said the dispatch. "It fell at Etzebeze, damaging a house and injuring 18 children. Another fell at Malsmaut. The debris was loaded on a train bound for Cologne."

\$1,433,194.80 PAID TO CITY IN FEBRUARY Tax receipts during February amounted to \$1,433,194.80, according to the report of Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick. This included \$549,784.55 paid on account of city taxes, \$281,808.34 school taxes, \$247,743.19 water rents for the current year and \$150,295.97 on delinquent city and \$72,337.90 on school taxes.

SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS TO UNITE FOR DEFENSE COPENHAGEN, March 3.—An important conference, which will have a far-reaching effect upon the future policies of the Scandinavian Governments, will be held here on March 9 and 10. Those taking part will be the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The questions of neutrality and interference with Scandinavian trade and shipping by the war will be dealt with exhaustively. It is reported that the three Powers will enter into an agreement by which they will act in concert if threatened in the future.

DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH DESTROYER REVEALED NEW YORK, March 3.—Word has reached New York that the British destroyer Viking has been blown up. All of the officers and crew are believed to have been lost, and the news of the vessel's loss came in a letter to relatives of Commander Thomas Christopher Williams, who went down with his ship. The Viking, according to the letter that the commander's relatives here received, was blown up by a mine on January 28. No previous intimation that disaster had overtaken this destroyer has come from the war zone, and to the rigid British censorship is attributed the fact that this naval loss has not been made known publicly.

NEW MINE FIELD ADMIRAL OFF SWEDISH COAST LONDON, March 3.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Morning Post says that, according to a message from Karlskrona, Sweden, a whole mine field of several hundred mines is drifting from the north, presumably having been set adrift by the ice and wind. The message adds that explosions are occurring hourly, and that navigation in the neighborhood of the Swedish islands is perilous.

SLUSH PROBERS HALT TRIAL TO SCAN BOOKS TESTIFIED DESTROYED

U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh Declares Secret Files of Brewers Are Now in Hands of the Court

PITTSBURGH, March 3.—The Government's charge that a preliminary examination of the seized "confidential" files of the United States Brewers' Association shows that they contain some subpoenaed records, which it was sworn were destroyed to keep hidden from United States Attorney E. Lowry Humes for time, to examine the contents of the eight packing cases of documents today, caused a sudden and unexpected postponement until next Thursday of the contempt proceedings scheduled before Judge W. H. S. Thompson, in the United States District Court.

DEFER CONTEMPT CASES Another cause for postponement, the announcement of which caused considerable merriment in the courtroom, was the fact that during the night a janitor in the Federal Building destroyed Attorney Humes' briefs, which he intended submitting to the Court this morning.

The four who faced contempt charges were John P. Gardner, Philadelphia, president Pennsylvania Brewers' Association; Dr. Heckscher, Reichstag leader, protests against British "franc-tireur" tactics.

BERLIN, March 3.—"Armed merchantmen are the snipers of the sea," declared Doctor Heckscher, Reichstag leader, "and the British Admiralty, by instructing merchantmen to fire on submarines began franc-tireur warfare on the seas."

Dr. Heckscher, whose position in the Reichstag is similar to that held by Senator Stone as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, discussed the German-American controversy over armed merchantmen at some length today.

"If an officer and 10 men in a hostile country saw a group of civilians across the street armed with two or three rifles, the officer couldn't wait until he had warned the civilians before ordering his soldiers to shoot," said Doctor Heckscher. "That is an example of franc-tireur and the same principle applies on the seas to merchantmen who snipe at submarines."

SLACKER AND SUPERMAN England's great contrasts, explained by ELLEN ADAIR TOMORROW'S EVENING LEDGER

DEATH CLAIMS GIRL WHO SUFFERED FOR CAREER

Miss Laura Roesehen, who left a comfortable home here for the lure of a career in the arts elsewhere, is dead. Her mother and sister, who had gone to Buffalo, N. Y., where she earned two months ago that the young woman had been found dying of starvation and exposure there, brought her body home last night.

Miss Roesehen, who was 25 years old, was formerly a teacher in the Henry W. Lawton School, Benner and Ditman streets, Frankford. Her home was in Lawndale, where, at 622 Woodlawn avenue, her mother now lives. The girl had always been dissatisfied with school teaching. She longed for a career in either music or literature, and she came to believe that to succeed at either she must seek inspiration away from home.

She thought she would be able to work better alone in strange cities, away from her family and old associations. She had read much in the biographies of the famous, and got the impression that they all lived and dreamed their high thoughts in attic, and advanced more rapidly in solitude and a measure of privation.

She disappeared last autumn. Her family got no trace of her for four months. Then a message came from the Buffalo police on December 21, that Miss Roesehen was found in a dying condition. She had too little clothing to protect her from the cold and she had almost nothing to eat for a week.